purchased by Mattancheri and Ernakulam for lighting their streets?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

(a) Mattancheri:—

The charge for a 75 watt street light burning from 6 p. m. to 6 a. m. is Rs. 6 a month and for a 40 watt light Rs. 3—6—0 per month.

(b) Ernakulam:—

40 watts each at Rs. 2—2—0 per mensem.

60 watts each at Rs. 3—0—0 per mensem.

100 watts each at Rs. 4—8—0 per mensem.

Each light is to burn for 3,000 hours a year.

The Electrical concerns of the Cochin State Power and Light Corporation Ltd.—purchase by Government—proposal for.

335. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether there is a proposal to purchase the Electrical concerns of the Cochin State Power and Light Corporation Ltd., by the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—No.

Hydrants supplying Alwaye water to Andikadavu, etc., places—particulars regarding.

336. Mr. P. J. Alexander *(Palluruthi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) (a) the total number of hydrants supplying Alwaye water to Andikadavu, etc., places;

(b) the total number of families served by these hydrants;

(c) the approximate quantity (in gallons) of drinking water required for an average family of 8 members per day;

(2) (a) whether they have actually ascertained the period for which water is really available at these hydrants in a day;

(b) if so, what it is;

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(c) the average quantity (in gallons) of water thus supplied by these hydrants in a day during this period;

(3) (a) is it not a fact that the water found native in these tracts is saltish, unsuitable even for washing purposes;

(b) whether the people in these places are not subject to great hardship and diseases like elephantiasis, etc., owing to the scarcity of good water; and

(c) what they intend to do to alleviate the suffering caused on this account?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—(1) (a) There are 43 public taps between Palluruthi and Kandakadavu.

(b) About 4 to 5,000 people are served by this system.

(c) Where supply is made only by public hydrants the consumption is calculated at about 2 gallons per day per person.

(2) (a) and (b) At present 5 hours' pumping in being done —3 hours in the morning and 2 in the evening.

(c) About 18,000 gallons are pumped in a day.

(3) (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The efficacy of the supply of water to these parts is and will be dependent on the supply to Mattancheri. When the submerged pipe line is laid to Mattancheri and when the elevated tanks are constructed on the 4" main line to Chellanam, the whole supply will be entirely satisfactory. This question is receiving the best attention of the Government.

Mr. P. J. Alexander (*Palluruthi*).—Has any of these public taps been recently removed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—I have no information.

Mr. P. J. Alexander (*Palluruthi*).—Two of them have been recently removed and people are put to serious inconvenience. I believe they have put in complaints also. I hope the Government will seriously consider this question.

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